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For: **ENERGY CONSUMPTION EFFICIENCY IMPROVING AGENT AND METHOD, AND**  
**ARTICLE HAVING IMPROVED ENERGY CONSUMPTION EFFICIENCY**

Enclosed are:

[ X ] 6 sheets of drawings ([ X ] formal [ ] informal size A4).  
[ X ] 47 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.  
[ X ] 53 total pages

[ ] Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney  
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1) **Japan Patent Application No. 2000-298111, filed September 29, 2000; and**

2) **Japan Patent Application No. 2000-357474, filed November 24, 2000.**

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Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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